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THE LEVY COURT

Will Hold Special Meeting to Decide on Counsel

THE COMMITTEES APPOINTED

Members of the Levy Court have not decided as to who will be the court's attorney for 1903. Previous to the regular meeting Tuesday morning a caucus of the Republican members was held. It is understood that several members wanted to elect Tuesday morning, but the others were not ready, and it was then decided to hold a special meeting next Monday, when the attorney will be elected. Several members who were spoken to on the subject said they had no idea who the new attorney would be.

COMMITTEES NAMED

The most important business was the announcement by President Chandler of the committees for the year. C. C. Hopkins, the new member, is chairman of two of the most important committees—Finances and Public Buildings. The committees follow, the first-mentioned being chairman:

Finance Committee—Hopkins, Willits and Armstrong.

Public Buildings—Hopkins, Elliott and Mealey.

Printing and Stationery—Megginson, Hopkins and Mealey.

Coroner and Physicians—Elliott, Willits and Mealy.

Overpaid Taxes—Megginson, Elliott, and Mealey.

Attorney, Clerk and Sheriff—Hopkins, Megginson and Armstrong.

Approval of Bonds—Willits, Elliott and Armstrong.

Magistrates and Constables—Hopkins, Elliott and Armstrong.

Assessors and Inspectors—Elliott, Willits and Mealey.

Workhouse—Willits, Megginson and Armstrong.

Wilmington Hundred Bridges—Megginson, Elliott and Mealey.

President Chandler stated that he had asked Mr. Willits to continue as chairman of the Finance Committee, but the latter had declined. Mr. Willits said he thought the president of the court should be chairman of the Finance Committee, as he was more in touch with the work than any of the other members.

Among the bills passed was the one of the Trustees of the New Castle County Workhouse for the month of December, which was $1,965.60.

A report was received from the freeholders appointed several months ago to select a site for a schoolhouse in school district No. 112, Pencader, which stated that a site had been selected on the property of the late George P. Whitaker. There was a motion to refer the communication to the court's attorney, but Mr. Willits claimed that the attorney's term had expired. President Chandler thought that the attorney held over until his successor was appointed. On motion the communication was received and reported.

Comptroller Kelley reported the balance in bank to the credit of the county, $151,078.28.

Court adjourned until Monday next.

WASHINGTON

The next Pennsylvania Railroad Personally-conducted Tour to Washington leaves Thursday, January 29. Rate, covering railroad transportation for the round trip, hotel accommodations, and transfer of passenger and baggage, station to hotel in Washington, $14.50 from New York, $13.00 from Trenton, and $11.50 from Philadelphia. These rates cover accommodations for two days at the Arlington, Normandie, Riggs, Ebbitt, Shoreham, Cochran, Gordon, Barton, or Hamilton Hotels. For accommodations at Regent, Metropolitan, National, or Colonial Hotels, $2.50 less. Special side trip to Mt. Venon.

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Farm Sales on the Eastern Shore

Dr. E. G. Clark, of Millington, has purchased of the Reybolds, of Delaware City, the Reybold farm in Worton tenanted by Mr. Tilgham Cooper, for $14,000. This farm contains 300 acres and is in fine state of cultivation. "Bloomfield farm," containing 477 acres, one and a half mile from Centreville, has been sold by Richard Davidson to John H. Evens, of Rolphs, for $20,156.

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DELAWARE NOTES

There is talk of starting a night school in Laurel.

The new Methodist Episcopal Church at Townsend will be finished by March 1st.

S. H. Smith, while driving in a wagon, was struck by an express train at Stanton and severely injured.

The new Sunday Democratic paper to be published in Wilmington is to be called *The Delaware Jeffersonian.*

City Councilman, Homer C. Simmons, of Wilmington, is seriously ill from the effects of tumbling down stairs and injuring his spine.

Mortimer True and Daniel Slatterly were arrested in Wilmington, charged with stealing coal from a freight car on Commerce street.

Newark Town Council will shortly consider the application of a trolley company for permission to lay tracks in the streets of the town.

Henry Rawley, of Clayton, has been held under $1000 bail for Court by Magistrate Hollis, of Wilmington, charged with sending an obscene letter through the mail.

Thirty glazers of Blumenthal & Co., Wilmington, are striking because the firm desired more men taught the business than the rules of the Leather Workers' Union permit.

James Donovan, of Wilmington, reports to the police that his wife has mysteriously disappeared, taking with her their 4-year-old daughter and leaving him a sick child to care for.

Ten-year-old Benjamin Scorah, of Clayton, is so popular that citizens of that town have raised a fund for him, which has been deposited in a Wilmington savings bank, Franklin Brockson being appointed trustee.

Wilmington plumbers, who receive $2.50 for a day of nine hours, are asking for a $3 day of eight hours, beginning on April 1st, and a conference will soon be held with the employers, who declare they cannot pay it.

Plans are under way to establish a Young Men's Christian Association in New Castle and to place it on a basis of permanency. Members of the W. C. T. U. and pastors of the several churches are interested and will assist in establishing the Association.

Christina Carter, a colored child 13 years old, who has been held in Dover jail to await the action of the reform authorities, has been committed to a children's home in Baltimore, and was taken there by Agent Stout of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. The child was charged with attempting to poison a whole family near Milford, by placing paris green in the coffee.

COAL RAILROADS

Companies Accused of Aiding Independents in "Hold-ups"

GIVEN MUCH ASSISTANCE

The action of the anthracite coal companies in modifying their contracts with the individual operators to enable the latter to share in the general hold-up of the public is beginning to provoke sharp criticism as the effects are becoming apparent in further increased prices for anthracite and a decrease in the quantity of low-priced coal marketed by the big companies themselves.

These criticisms, while applying to all the companies, are directed more particularly against President Baer, of the Reading, as the head and front of the various coal companies during the controversy with the miners, and as the leader in the movement to keep prices as nearly normal as possible and to protect the public from extortion.

The only official explanation of this action on the part of the big companies has come from President Baer. It was exceedingly brief and to the effect that the companies were no longer able to control the individual operators, and that while the contracts were perfectly valid and drawn with proper provisions for arbitrating differences, the companies were not certain of their contention as to the market price should they attempt to enforce the contracts in court.

In addition to consenting to the modification of these contracts all the machinery of the companies has been placed at the disposal of the independents to aid them in marketing their coal. In the case of some of the New York companies the sales agents are said to be disposing of the independents' output, and besides receiving the usual commission of 10 cents per ton, it is charged that they have entered into an arrangement with the individual operators under which they are to receive an additional commission of 10 per cent on every dollar received over and above the New York tide circular price of $5, making the commission to the sales agents at the prevailing open price of from $10 to $11 in that city, from 60 to 70 cents per ton.

Western Rates via Baltimore and Ohio R. R.

Persons contemplating a trip to the west, viz, Pittsburg, Cincinnati, St. Louis, Chicago and points west thereof, can save money by purchasing tickets via The B. & O. R. R. Rates from Wilmington are $8.00 to Pittsburg, 10.13 P. M., train daily. $15.50 to Cincinnati. $21.25 to St. Louis. 17.00 to Chicago.

It is probably not generally known that tickets to the west via B. & O. R. R. are much lower than via any other line, although the train service is first-class in every respect. Fast express trains equipped with day coaches, Pullman Sleeping, Parlor and Dining Cars, leave Wilmington daily for Pittsburg, Cincinnati, St. Louis and Chicago without Change, and at those points connect in Union Depots for all western points. For detailed information write or apply to Ticket Agents, or H. A. Miller, T. P. A. Wilmington, Del.

COAL ADMITTED FREE TILL JUNE 30

Duty on Imports Will be Suspended for a Few Months Only

WILL NOT BE REMOVED PERMANENTLY

WASHINGTON, January 12th.

The duty upon coal is to be removed. After considering the subject Saturday and Sunday the Republican leaders of the two houses hit upon a plan they think may prove satisfactory without permitting any permanent changes to be made in the sacred rates of the Dingley tariff law.

This is the proposition:

The Treasury is to be authorized to pay rebates equivalent to the amount of duty collected upon all coal imported until June 30. After that date the present duty will be again turned into the Treasury.

The bill, it is expected, also will provide for reciprocity, admitting free of duty, coal imported into this country from countries granting the same privileges to the United States. This means Canada, and will permit Nova Scotia coal to come into this country free, while coal from the Alleghenies and westward will go into Canada free of duty.

A bill to effect this is to be passed right away. The ways and means committeee reported it to the House Tuesday and will put it through under a rigid rule which will shut out amendments and cut debate very short.

While it is admitted that what this measure will accomplish in the way of relief is problematical, the tariff which it will refund amounting to only 67 cents a ton on coal which contains less than 92 per cent. carbon, it is the desire of the party leaders to furnish all possible relief to the consumers. According to Treasury Department statistics, there is no foreign coal on which the duty is not collectible under this high carbon test.

Another significant move in the direction of giving relief to the coal situation was the action of the House at its brief session Monday in adopting the Grosvenor resolution authorizing the Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries to investigate the whole subject of coal transportation. This investigation is to be directed particularly to ascertaining whether any conspiracies or combinations exist which tend to increase the hardship and suffering in the North Atlantic States on account of the scarcity of coal.

MARYLAND NOTES

William O. Wheary was appointed postmaster at Simpsonville Tuesday.

Two school houses in Cecil County were damaged by fire Monday as the result of defective flues.

The bridge which spans the P., B. & W. Railroad, at Bacon Hill, has been lengthened and put into service.

Dr. Howard Bratton, health officer, reports 373 deaths in Cecil County for the year 1902, which is 30 less than the previous year.

Mr. John N. Bennett, a prosperous and progressive young farmer of near Still Pond, has purchased the Still Pond creamery and will conduct the same.

The York Bridge Company, of York, Pa., was awarded the contract by the Cecil County Commissioners to build a new iron bridge over North East creek, at North East, for $7248.

Thomas Thorpy, a prominent young man of Havre de Grace, died at the home of his parents in that town Sunday evening after an illness of several months with consumption. He was 25 years old.

The Rev. C. B. Ritter, pastor of the Lutheran Church at Burkettsville, preached his farewell sermon Sunday morning, he having accepted a call to the pastorate of the church at Fairfields, Adams County, Pa.

The wedding of Mr. John Mullen, a young farmer of near Galena, and Miss Christie Donahoe, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Donahoe, of near Sassafras, took place in St. Dennis' Church, Galena, last Wednesday.

Mr. John Goldsborough died in Centreville Saturday night, aged 76 years. He was appointed messenger in the Subtreasury, Baltimore, during Cleveland's administration, which position he had occupied until a few days previous to his death.

The coal situation in the lower districts of Cecil County, and at Chestertown is more serious at the present time than at any time during the winter. Coal of no kind can be secured. Colds, grip and pneumonia are increasing owing to the scarcity of fuel.

Jarrettsville turned out in full force to attend the laying of the cornerstone of the new Academy on Saturday afternoon. The exercises were presided over by the Hon. N. L. Mitchell. Addresses were delivered by president of the school commissioners, J. D. Worthington; Professor C. T. Wright and the Hon Joseph L. Spence.

About a dozen midshipmen have been confined to the Santee, the Naval Academy guardship, on account of supposed connection with the Pearson hazing. Most of the prisoners are members of the third class, and if the result of the investigation now going on justifies it, charges will be preferred and a court-martial ordered.

The dwelling on the farm owned by Mr. Alday Clements, and tenanted by Mr. Biddle, on Cherry Lane, near Chesterville, was destroyed by fire early Monday morning last. The origin is unknown. The building was insured in the Kent Mutual Company for $800. Mr. Biddle lost nearly all of his furniture and about $50 in money.

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WITNESS MISSING

Some of Them Reported Missing in the Collins' Murder Case

GOES OVER UNTIL MARCH

When court assembled at Georgetown on Monday Judge Grubb announced that the trial of Elmer Collins of near Laurel, for the murder of his wife last April, would be postponed until the next term of court, which will begin on March 16th. Judge Grubb said that the trial promised to be of considerable length and that if begun it would not be ended in time for the meeting of the Supreme Court of the state on next Tuesday. The court thought the trial would last at least two weeks.

Chief Justice Lore was not on the bench, being ill at Wilmington. The postponement was a great disappointment to the throng that had gathered in the county seat, and to the more than one hundred witnesses who were on hand. Collins was not arraigned in court but was notified by a friend of the postponment. Both sides were prepared for the trial, although the state has had some trouble in rounding up their witnesses, giving rise to reports that some of the witnesses could not be found. Attorney-General Ward would not make a statement regarding this. It was reported, however, that a minister who is a witness, had left the state and that a summons had not been served upon him. Word was also received that Mary Rhoades, the alleged woman in the case, was very ill at her home and could not be brought to Georgetown. It is said that the state will try to prove that Collins proposed to elope with the Rhoades girl, and this was the motive for the crime.

Another witness, it is said, who cannot be found, was a neighbor of Collins, who is alleged to have seen blood stains on the defendant's hands.

The plan of the defense is said to be to fasten the crime on William Waite, a negro who is now locked up in the jail. Waite made an alleged confession to the crime, but afterward denied it.

NEW RIVER WORK

Millions of Feet of Lumber Will be Used

300 MEN WILL BE EMPLOYED

While mention has been made of the fact that the government is to bulkhead the Delaware river from Edge Moore to the mouth of the Christiana few people have an idea of the extent of the work. Few, also, were aware that bids for the work are to be opened so soon. January 29th is the time fixed.

The bids will be opened by Lientenant-Colonel C. W. Raymond, who is in charge of the Philadelphia district and the bids will at once be sent to Washington for consideration. The total length of the work will be 5,760 feet. To complete the work in the time required by the government will require the employment of over 300 men, an unusually large number on such work.

There will be five continuous rows of piles; also a row of cheap pilling. Southern long leaf pine is to be used, of which it will require 400,000,000 feet and 645,000 lineal feet of round piles.

The piles will average seventy-five feet in length and will be cut off twelve feet above low water mark. Of screws, bolts, nuts and washers the work will require 349,000 pounds, and of spikes 77,000 pounds.

These figures do not include the longitudinal pieces nor the two-inch decking.

The bulkhead when completed will extend out in the river a quarter of a mile from the present shore line and many acres of new land will be made. To do the work in the specified time 1,500 feet will have to be completed each month, and the contractors think that a herculean task.

This vast improvement will make a new epoch in the business interests of Wilmington, as the largest steamers will be able to discharge their cargoes there.

The improvement is intended for the benefit of Philadelphia and the idea is that bulkheading will keep the channel deep and prevent shoaling, but Wilmington will get the greatest benefit because the result will be an increase in available sites for manufacturing purposes and a deep channel.

WINTER TOURIST TICKETS SEASON 1902-3

Baltimore & Ohio Railroad

The Baltimore & Ohio Roalroad has placed on sale at all principal offices east of the Ohio River, Winter Tourist Tickets to points in Alabama, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico, North Carolina and Texas; also Havana, Cuba, and Nassau, N. P., at reduced rates.

For additional information call on Agent Baltimore & Ohio R. R., or write H. A. Miller, T. P. A., Wilmington, Del.

Egg With Three Yolks

Mrs. Amanda Seward of Hazletville, while opening eggs at her home, found a curiosity in the shape of a mammoth hen egg, containing three yolks. The egg was as large as a goose egg. With the freak were two other eggs, which when opened were found to contain two yolks each.

WASHINGTON LETTER.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12th, 1903.

The impression is daily gaining ground that there will be anti-trust legislation at this session of Congress. All idea of a sweeping anti-trust bill has, however, been practically abandoned and the program now contemplated consists of enacting several brief bills amending the present statutes and making some slight additions to the present laws. Attorney General Knox has sent to the House, where they were introduced by Representative Jenkins, chairman of the Judiciary Committee, two measures along this line and the Judiciary committee has already voted to favorably report one bill which carries into effect one of Mr. Knox's recommendations. It provides a method for facilitating court procedure in anti-trust suits brought by the Federal Government.

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One of the Knox bills amends the Sherman law by forbidding the giving or receiving of rebates in transportation, a fine of $5,000 being provided. It also provides that any corporation receiving such rebate shall be debarred from having its products transported and forbids the transportation of such products if the corporation discriminates in prices to destroy competition.

The other bill provides for the appointment of a bi-partisan commission to carry out the provisions of the Sherman act when amended as proposed. The Commission is to have powers similar but much stronger than those now possessed by the Interstate Commission.

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That the Knox bills will be enacted precisely as offered is not likely. But that their provisions will be carried out in such measure or measures as may be eventually reported by the Judiciary committee is practically assured. There is some soreness on the part of the subcommittee appointed by the Judiciary committee to draft an anti-trust measure because the Attorney General ignored its chairman, Mr. Littlefield, and sent his bills direct to Mr. Jenkins, chairman of the whole committee, after refusing to furnish the sub-committee an administration anti-trust measure. It is not believed, however, that the present misunderstanding will prove inimical to the cause of anti-trust legislation.

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The complete capitulation of the beet sugar men in their fight on the Cuban treaty is regarded as a triumph for the administration which has thus succeeded in negotiating a treaty which fulfills every obligation to Cuba, insures a monopoly of the Cuban trade to the United States and evidently will work no serious injury to any industry in this country. A representative of the beet sugar producers appeared before the Senate committee on Foreign Relations and urged that the treaty be so amended as to insure no reduction of the duty on Cuban sugar greater than 20 per cent below the Dingley rates; the treaty providing for a 20 per cent diffierential in favor of Cuba. While there is little likelihood of the Senate's amending the treaty, a procedure attended with considerable danger to the convention, it is not believed that any reciprocity treaty which lowers the duty on sugar from nations other than Cuba will be ratified within five years, the period of immunity from such reduction for which the beet sugar men ask.

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At the convention of the American Beet Sugar Association there arose a difference of opinion in regard to the Cuban treaty but a majority of the delegates voted favorably only the Michigan delegation dissenting. It withdrew from the convention. Senator Burrows later in the evening told your correspondent that the action of the convention might be interpreted as a withdrawal of all opposition to the Cuban treaty by the manufacturers of the United States. But while opposition to the Cuban treaty was abandoned, a resolution constituting a strong protest against the bill lowering the duty on Philippine products from 75 to 25 per cent. of the Dingley rates was adopted. This measure has already passed the House and Senator Lodge tells your correspondent that he does not believe it possible the resolution referred to can result in an insurmountable opposition.

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Officials of the War Department regard the apprehension of the beet sugar producers, that there is anything to fear from Philippine competition, as preposterous and as evincing an entire ignorance of the situation. They say that present conditions in the Philippines are deplorable, the carabao, the only practical beasts of burden, have been dying with rinderpest by the wholesale and there is no possibility of recovering the injury done for many years, under the most favorable circumstances. Thousands of acres of cultivated lands are being permitted to go back to their original state of jungle and if neglected for five years will become as entangled fields of underbrush as before they were cleared.

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Referring to the sugar production of the islands, it is pointed out that the largest crop ever produced amounted to only 93,000 tons. Last year it was 78,000 tons and the most liberal estimate for the current year does not place it in excess of 10,000 tons. To appreciate figures it must be remembered that the annual sugar consumption of the United States last year was 2,373,000 tons. Of this amount it was necessary to import 1,700,000 tons. The combined output of Porto Rico and Hawaii was 382,000 tons leaving a deficit of 1,318,000 tons. Even if the improbable assumption be made, that under the operation of the New Cuban treaty the United States takes the entire Cuban product, which last year amounted to 875,000 tons, there would be still left a deficit of 443,000 tons to be imported from elsewhere, an amount far in excess of any crop the Philippines could hope to produce in many years, if ever.

THE LAWMAKERS

Legislators Transact Considerable Business

THE STATE ROAD MEASURE

The legislature convened at 11 o'clock Monday morning.

In the Senate Mr. Sparks gave notice of an act repealing chapter 63, volume 22, Laws of Delaware, anact creating lead the office of voters' assistant. Mr. Smith gave notice of an act to create and permanently improve a State road. Mr. Harrington an act opposing an amendent to section 4, article 5, Constitution of Delaware, providing for a permanent registration of voters. Mr. Allee an act for appointing an additional notary public for Dover. Upon a resolution of Mr. Allee, all specifications and answers in the contest of George E. Magee, Union Republican, for the seat of Thomas W. Jefferson, Democrat, from the Fifth senatorial district, of Sussex county, were read and will go to the Elections Committee when appointed. Superintendent James E. Carroll, of free schools, was admitted to the privilege of the floor, and read the special report of the State Board of Education, 1,000 copies of which were ordered printed.

IN THE HOUSE

The following notices were presented: By Mr. Rose an act repealing the voters' assistant law; act prohibiting the use of trading stamps; act increasing the authority of the Municipal Court; providing for the purity of primary elections in New Castle county; authorizing Wilmington Council to appropriate money to the Union Fire Company; act constituting eight hours a work day on State, county and municipal operations in Delaware.

By Mr. Holcomb, an act providing for good roads; repealing the attachment of wages law.

By Mr. Buckmaster—An act incorporating Blue Rock Council, K. G. E.; by Mr. Monaghan, providing for a division of the money received as liquor license fees in the city of Wilmington; an act providing a new charter for the city of Wilmington.

A measure for a state road under the control of the state, of which notice was given in the Senate by Senator Artemus Smith, provides that the road shall follow the course of the so-called state road, or King's Highway, and shall run from Market street bridge, Wilmington, to the lower limits of the town of Lewes. It is to be 20 feet wide and to be macadamized. There are to be a state public road commissioner, appointed by the chancellor, and a state supervisor in each county, named by the state road commissioner. The work is to be given out by contract to the lowest bidder, and 90 per cent. of the cost is to be paid on completion of the road, the remainder one year later. To pay the cost of the road the state treasurer is to borrow $250,000 and issue bonds, which bonds and the interest are to be paid out of 25 per cent. of the income from the incorporation law.

GOLDEN GATE TOUR

The first Pennsylvania Railroad Personally-conducted Tour to California for the present season will leave New York and Philadelphia on the Golden Gate Special, January 29, going via Chicago, Kansas City and El Paso to Los Angeles and San Diego. An entire month may be spent on the Pacific Coast. The Golden Gate Special will leave San Francisco, returning Tuesday, March 3, stopping at Salt Lake City, Glenwood Springs, Colorada Springs and Denver. Rate, $300 from all points on the Pennsylvania Railroad east of Pittsburg, covering all expenses of railroad transportation, side trips in California, and berth and meals going and returning on the special train. No hotel expenses in California are included. Tickets are good for return within nine months, but when not used returning on the Golden Gate Special they cover transportation only. For detailed itinerary apply to Ticket Agents, or address George W. Boyd, Assistant General Passenger Agent, Broad Street Station, Philadelphia, Pa.

THE COSMOPOLITAN

Several years ago a suggestion was made to President Eliot of Harvard that, inasmuch as the first thing a young man ordinarily did on graduating from college was to chose his life-work, it was important that each student should have presented to him a thorough discussion as to the advantages, disadvantages and temptations of each of the leading professions, so that in determining his life-work he might act with the fullest knowledge attainable. *The Cosmopolitan* has begun this discussion in its January issue by taking up the legal profession. Besides pointing out what the young man has to encounter in entering upon a lawyer's career, *The Cosmopolitan* considers at length the revolution which has taken place in the legal profession because of the reorganization of business in great aggregations like the U. S. Steel Corporation, and modern business instruments such as trust companies, title and guarantee companies, and fidelity insurance companies.

A PRETTY WEDDING

At St. Joseph's Catholic Church near Wye Mills, Queen Anne's County, Md., Austin Durney, of Centreville, and Miss Maggie M. Rhodes, of Talbot County, were married Wednesday by Rev. Father Temple, of Easton. Miss Waller, of Wye Mills, played the wedding marches. Mr. Durney, the bridegroom, is the hero of Cienfugoes, the man who cut the cable during the Spanish-American War, being then on cruiser Nashville.

It Keeps the Feet Warm and Dry

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PERSONAL AMBITION

Over the signatures of the Democratic members of the Legislature, Mr. Saulsbury has issued what William Michael Byrne, Esq., would call a pronunciomento, but it is what we call a proposition eminating from the mind of a foxy politician, whose sole object in view is manifestly party gain and his own personal ambition.

There is not one conciliatory word in the whole proposition, but its whole tone is imperative and full of covert insult throughout. The address is first directed to that diabolical and monstrous instrument of corruption, the Voters' Assistant Law. We have no defense for that law. We were always opposed to it. But the law was first enacted by a Democratic Legislature, and by them afterwards repealed, and again reinstated by a Republican Legislature. So in that behalf honors are even.

After applying the severest epithet to this law, the address proposes a union of Democrats and Republicans for its repeal, and then goes a long way out of the road for a fling and covert insult to the Republican Governor in the following language: "And should the Governor veto such repeal, means may be found to compel his acquiescence."

It was not necessary to assume or insinuate that Governor Hunn will stand in the way of honest legislation. His record is the other way. In an other part of the address the author refers to the ten years of heroic struggle on the part of the Republicans of Delaware against wrong in their own party, as "the Republican protestations of political virtue." And again he calls upon "those who have seemed to be honest Republicans of the State" to "sink their rabid partisanship," and prove their virtue by going to bed with him, or hereafter be branded as "false or politically impotent."

If anything is wanting to show the utter insincerity and want of a genuine patriotic purpose on the part of the author of this address, it is to be found in that part of it comprised in the following language:

"If such joint agreement shall be postponed beyond that day, (January 21st,) we shall not renew this offer."

"Our object in making this announcement is that the people of our State and County may place the blame for corrupt politics in the state where it justly belongs."

There we have it. The author sees corruption, and wants to place the blame somewhere. He bulleys and insults the Regular Republicans in the Legislature, and makes it impossible for them to treat with him and retain their self respect, and then proposes to go to the country with the argument that the blame is theirs. But if it be a question of placing blame, and not one of get. ting from under the consequence of political wrong doing, then we imagine we will not need to seek far to ascertain who is responsible for the advent of Addickism in Delaware. We have looked in vain for and expression of conviction or opinion upon this proposition, in the editorial columns of the Republican papers of this county, but find nothing but straddling drivel.

Our judgment is that if the Regular Republicans in the General Assembly should seriously undertake to carry out Mr. Saulsbury's proposition, with the language and manifest spirit and purpose of it fully before them, from thenceforth the regular Republican party will cease to maintain its position and hold its support It will go to pieces.

WASHINGTON

The next Pennsylvania Railroad Personally-conducted Tour to Washington leaves Thursday, January 29. Rate, covering railroad transportation for the round trip, hotel accommodations, and transfer of passenger and baggage, station to hotel in Washington, $14.50 from New York, $13.00 from Trenton, and $11.50 from Philadelphia. These rates cover accommodations for two days at the Arlington, Normandie, Riggs, Ebbitt, Shoreham, Cochran, Gordon, Barton, or Hamilton Hotels. For accommodations at Regent, Metropolitan, National, or Colonial Hotels, $2.50 less. Special side trip to Mt. Venon.

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THE COLONEL IS ANXIOUS

Cold weather, which has frozen the ponds and covered the rivers with winter's garments, has tingled through the veins of Colonel J. Harry Rogers, the octogenarian skater of New Castle, and has reawakened his sporting instincts. The Colonel has issued his yearly challenge to skate against any person, age immaterial, and Abe Oppenheimer, of Philadelphia, in particular. Abe Oppenheimer, also an octogenarian who does "stunts" on skates, has done much to uphold the glory of the Quaker City and the world of winter sports.

So far as is known, he is the only "boy" of the Colonel's age who dares question the latter's prowess on the ice, and so between the two a sincere rivalry has long existed.

Challenges have passed between the two and have been eagerly accepted, but, owing to a chain of unfortunate circumstances, the old experts have never raced. The championship is still undecided. Both of the "boys" have chafed under this uncertainity, particularly Colonel Rogers, who feels that his standing has been assailed on a "bluff." And so he has challenged his old rival again.

Throughout the entire State the Colonel is regarded as the greatest all-around amateur skater on record, age not considered. Knowing this, the Colonel feels that the question of superiority should be definitely settled.

He is anxious to meet the Philadelphia champion at any time or place Mr. Oppenheimer chooses to name. He will do plain, fancy or long-distance skating, or, if desired, will indulge in a trial of speed.

Money to any amount can be found to back him, and he personally will wager $500 on the result. If this is not sufficiently alluring to Mr. Oppenheimer, the Colonel declares that he is ready to wager any amount, even if he has to mortgage his farm for the purpose.

CHESAPEAKE CITY NEWS

Miss Edith Willis is visiting friends in Baltimore.

The Presbyterian Church held a week of prayer last week.

Miss Elorence Egee is sojourning in Wilmington and Philadelphia.

Miss Sallie Pratt, of Philadelphia, has been visiting Mrs. Thomas Rees.

Miss Lionnie Beasten, of Cayots, spent several days of last week with Miss Mary Steele.

Mrs. William Reed delightfully entertained her Sunday School Class one evening last week.

Rev. F. E. Williams has moved his household goods from Baltimore to his farm near here.

Miss A. Louise Boulden, of Cayots, visited her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Simpson, last week.

Miss Bertha Bouchelle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Slayter Bouchelle, was married to Mr. John Prentiss, of Baltimore, last Monday in Wilmington.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. J. Polk Steele tendered them a pleasant surprise last Wednesday evening, it being the thirteenth anniversary of their marriage. Many handsome presents were received.

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Bouchelle entertained the "Daughters of the Confederacy" and a few other friends last Tuesday evening. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Woolley, Mr. and Mrs. Bennett Steele, Mr. and Mrs. Waitman Smithers, Mrs. Emma Willis, Mrs. Annie Egee, Mrs. Charles Green, Misses Alice Boulden, Dora Steele, Elsie Karsner, Lionne Beaston, Florence Egee, Kate Ferguson, Margaret Smack, Bessie Conrey, Messrs. Groome Steele, Frank and Harry Howard, and Delmar Smithers.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Armbrister were tendered a delightful surprise on Thursday evening, it being their twelfth wedding anniversary. Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Simmons, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Frank Payne, Mr. and Mrs. George Payne, Mr. and Mrs. Bloom Lake, Mr. and Mrs. William Lum, Mr. and Mrs. John Sweatman, Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Loveless, Mrs. Thomas Price, Mrs. William Hudson, Mrs. George Fillingame, Misses Susie and Lucy Fillingame, Maggie and Sadie Tatman, Mary Lum, Rebecca Lum, Mary Miller, Rev. L. E. Poole, Messrs. William and Isaac Payne, Wallace McCoy, George Loveless, Michael Borger, Miller and Her Lum and Joe McKenney.

PETIT JURY FOR FEBRUARY COURT

The following is the petit jury for the February Term of Court commencing February 2d:

Wilmington—Edward Andrews, Serverson B. Cooling, Stephen Downey, Joseph Jackson Pierve, Benjamin F. Shakespeare, George I. Spear, Thomas H. Savery, Jr., Henry L. Tatnall.

Brandywine—Charles W. Pusey, Willard A. Speakman.

White Clay Creek—Harry Tomlin, Elmer Thompson.

New Castle—Charles M. Appleby, Wilkinson E. Cranston, Robert C. Gorden.

Mill Creek—Frederick Golding, Enos C. Hoopes.

Christiana—John R. Lynam, W. Atwood Weldin.

Pencader—George Wright, Eugene Paxon.

Red Lion—William T. Vail, William B. Lester.

St. Georges—Clement A. Davidson, Andrew S. Eliason, Howard A. Pool.

Appoquinimink—John W. Atwell, John R. Francis.

Blackbird—John W. Roberts, James Stephenson.

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GOOD ROADS IN DELAWARE

The following is an extract from an address delivered before the Peninsula Horticultural Society, at Newark by the president of the society, A. N. Brown, of Wyoming:

"Good roads in relation to horticulture is of ever increasing importance. No product of the farm suffer such injury as our horticulture product in their transportation over the roads. Growers are now realizing this, and they are not only demanding good roads, but macadam roads. The loss in my home county the last fruit season was a sum sufficient to have built many miles of macadam roads.

"Having had unusual opportunities for observation I believe the loss to growers delivering fruit to Wyoming station, was sufficient to have macadamized the main approach to the town for several miles. The common dirt roads, built in the best possible manner, will not stand the traffic over them for one single week in the heighth of the season. Our salvation lies in the gravel or macadam road; nothing short of this will answer. Under modern improved methods of financiering, these improvements can be built without any increase in the present appropriations for road purposes.

"Had the citizens of Kent County, Delaware, 20 years ago borrowed $300,000, they could have built 120 miles of road. This would have given the county two roads running parallel with each other north and south, from the New Castle line to Sussex; and eight cross roads running parallel east and west about 12 miles each in length. This plan would accommodate 90 per cent. of the fruit growers of the county and with their annual appropriation of $23,000 they could have paid the original debt with interest at 4 per cent., applied $5,000 annually to the maintainance of the improved roads, and have over $60,000 left, with which to have improved the unimproved roads of the county."

SASSAFRAS ITEMS

The weather here has been extremely cold.

Coal has reached the point of positive luxury.

The skating is very fine here and is enjoyed by many.

The fishermen are getting ready for a big fishing season.

Miss Alyce Dreka is entertaining Miss Anderson, of Cecilton.

Capt. John Walmsly is quite ill at his home in Fredericktown.

Mrs. W. K. Lockwood, of Warwick, is very much improved at this writing.

Sassafras has almost given up the idea of getting a supply of coal this winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Shepherd and children are visiting his sister in Virginia.

Since last Saturday there has been a continuous stream of teams hauling ice.

Church congregations were very slim on Sunday owing to the continuous rain.

Big catches of turtles are being made in lower Kent County, some weighing over 23 pounds.

Rev. John M. Arters and wife, of Odessa, have been the guests of Chestertown friends.

Misses Daisy Hoover and Mamie Pierce, of Cecilton, are visiting Miss Alyce Dreka.

Capt. I. Fletcher Wilson has returned to his home after lying very ill in a Baltimore hospital.

Mr. Noble Pennington, of Virginia, is visiting his brother, I. T. Pennington, Esq., of Galena.

Miss Bessie Gunkel, of Warwick, was entertained on Tuesday by her sister, Mrs. John F. Ernest.

Two school houses in Cecil County were damaged by fire on Monday, as the result of defective flues.

Miss May Dreaka entertained on Thursday evening her friends at her 11th birth day anniversary.

There is some unknown disease which has killed many hogs in the vicinity of Pleasant Hill, Cecil County.

Mr. and Mrs. S. Rosin and son were entertained on Wednesday evening by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sylvester.

Mr. Frank Wilson, one of our bright young farmers near town, left on Saturday for a visit with Dover relatives.

Mrs. Augustus Mallsburger and daughter, Miss Nellie, of Massey, visited her sister, Mrs. Louis Dreka on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Massey, of Sudlersville, entertained the Kent Card Club most delightfully on Tuesday evening.

Messrs. Gilbert Clark and Bradford Johnson returned to Goldey College on Monday after spending sometime with their parents.

Mr. and Mrs. William H. Spry entertained his sister, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Allen, of near Cecilton, and Mrs. Henry Clark, of Philadelphia, on Wednesday.

The York Bridge Company, of York, Pa., was awarded the contract by the Cecil County Commissioners, to build a new iron bridge over North East creek, at North East.

Mr. William Vandyke, of Wilmington, who died on Sunday of pneumonia, was a brother of Mrs. Shepperd Morris of near Golts. His remains were brought to Middletown on Tuesday, thence to Cecilton, and was interred in the M. E. Cemetary at that place.

CECILTON SIFTINGS

Woodall Jones, of Chestertown, spent Sunday with his parents.

George D. Beasten is spending this week with his brother in Wilmington.

Mrs. Robert Ferguson has gone to Howard County to attend her brother's wedding.

Mrs. Mary V. Price is visiting her daughter, Mrs. William Foster, of Trainer.

Capt. J. Fletcher Wilson, of Georgetown, Kent County, who has been under treatment at a Baltimore hospital, has returned to his home somewhat improved.

The home of A. Wilson Cochran near Galena, was burned Sunday night, together with all the furniture, excepting an antique piano. Loss $7,000; insurance $5,000.

Capt. John P. Wamsley who for years has commanded a fleet of vessels plying between Fredericktown, Cecil County, on the Sassafras river, and Baltimore, is dangerously ill at his home in Fredericktown.

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SALES TO TAKE PLACE

Tuesday, January 20th, 1903.—Public Sale of Stock, farm implements, household goods, &c., on the farm known as the "Brown Farm," near Mt. Pleasant, by Douglas Cochran. W. J. Smith, auctioneer.

Wednesday January 28th, 1903.—Public Sale of Stock, farm implements, household goods, &c., by S. T. Davis, on the "Jamison Farm," 2½ miles east of Mount Pleasant. W. J. Smith, auctioneer.

Tuesday, February 10th, 1903, at 10 o'clock, A. M.—Sale of Stock, Farming Implements, etc., by John W. Webb, one-quarter of a mile from McDonough, on the road leading to Port Penn. Joseph M. Armstrong auctioneer.

Wednesday, February 11th, 1903.—Public Sale of Stock, farm implements, &c., by William C. McCoy, on the Julian Cochran farm, one mile southwest of Middletown, on the road from Middletown, to the Levels. W. Harman Reynolds, auctioneer.

Thursday, February 12th, 1903, at 10.30 o'clock, A. M.—Sale of Stock and farming implements by Elwood B. Cleaver, on the Brady home farm ½ mile south of Mt. Pleasant. Joseph M. Armstrong, auctioneer.

Tuesday, February 17th, 1903, at 10 o'clock, A. M.—Sale of stock, farming implements, etc., by Otho Marvel, on the "Watkins Farm," near Noxontown Mills. Joseph M. Armstrong, auctioneer.

Wednesday, February 18th, 1903.—Administrators Sale of Stock, Farming Implements, etc., by C. S. Goldsborough, on the "Price Farm," near Warwick.

Thursday, February 19th, 1903.—Public Sale of Stock, farm implements, &c., by James L. Dickinson, on the "Appleton Farm," 1¼ miles southeast from Middletown.

Friday, February 20th, 1903, at 10 o'clock A. M.—Sale of Stock, Farming Implements, etc., by Marcellus Jones, on the Gilpin farm, opposite old St. Anne's Church, one mile South of Middletown, Del. W. H. Reynolds, Auctioneer.

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Murderer Dies in His Cell

In a murderer's cell in solitary confinement, Frank, otherwise known as "Ginger" Brown, died Thursday night in Dover of heart disease. Brown became known throughout this section, after his three years flight from the authorities by writing a book on his life and offering it for sale to realize sufficient funds for his defense. He was convicted in November of shooting and killing James Gillmore, of Dover.

Public Sale!

The undersigned, intending to discontinue farming, will sell at public sale, at his residence on the farm known as the "Brown Farm," 1¼ miles southwest of Mount Pleasant, Delaware.

Tuesday, Jan. 20, 1903,

At 10 o'clock, A. M.,
The following Personal Property, to-wit:

Ten Head of Horses and Colts.

No. 1—Charlie, bay horse, 6 years old, good driver, and a good work horse.

No. 2—Brownie C., brown horse, 4 years old has been broken, and shows speed, one of Alcontare's colts.

No. 3—Lottie, black mare, 9 years old, in foal by Prince March, he by Del. March, with a record of 2.11¼, good driver and worker, no road too long for her, and safe for a lady to drive.

No. 4—Tom, bay horse, 11 years old, a fine work horse.

No. 5—Dollie, bay mare, 9 years old, no better work horse in the State.

No. 6—Lucy, bay mare, 14 years old, a good work mare.

No. 7—May, dun mare, 13 years old, good worker and fair driver.

No. 8—John, bay horse, 9 years old, will weigh 1,300 lbs., and work anywhere.

No. 9—Dan, black horse, 2 years old, has been broken to the road, and goes good, Dan Murphey stock.

No. 10—Dick, black colt, coming 2 years old, the largest colt I ever saw for his age, he is one of Bellford's colts.

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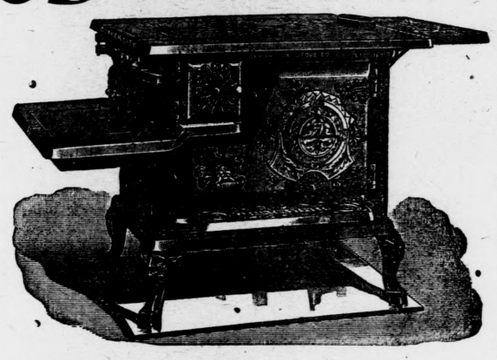

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North Bound—3.30, 7.52, 9.20 and 10.27 a. m; 4.14 and 6.05 p. m.
South Bound—12.49, 5.31, 9.21 and 11.40 a. m.; 3.50, 4 44 and 7 5 p. m.

Mails Close as Follows.

Going North—7.30 a. m., 10.05 a.m., 3.50 p.m., 5.45 p. m. and 9 p. m.
Going South—8.10 a.m., 4.35 p. m., and 9 p.m
For Odessa—9.30 a. m., 11 40 a. m., 5.05 p. m.
For Warwick, Cecilton, Earlville and Sassafras—9.40 a. m.

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Local News.

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Special sale of Winter goods and great Bargains, can be found at MRS. G. W. PETERSON'S from the 20th to 31st of January.

Next year will be leap year. All girls are now fairly notified and should govern themselves and their love affairs accordingingly.

Mr. C. E. Brown has been transferred from Clayton to Middletown, where he is engaged as night operator at the railroad station.

Rev. F. H. Moore D. D. lectured before the New Century Club of Smyrna, Friday afternoon on "The Chateaux and Palaces of France."

Some Maryland farmers will ask 20 cents per basket for their next crop of tomatoes. They have been offered 18 cents, a large increase over a few years ago.

It is feared that unless the coal scarcity is soon relieved Kent county, Md., schools may have to be closed, until warm weather, at the close of this month.

REDUCTION IN WALL PAPER.—After this date I will give 20 per cent. off on all Wall Paper. J. E. GINN,
Crawford street, Middletown, Del.

I have a large quantity of OAK and HICKORY WOOD which I will deliver in Middletown to those wishing to buy wood. CUTHBERT PEVERLEY.

Until further notice the Middletown Public Library will be open on Tuesday afternoon, from 3.30 to 5; Saturday afternoons, from 3 to 5; Saturday evenings, from 7 to 8.30.

Mr. and Mrs. George W. Merritt have issued invitations to the twenty-fifth anniversary of their wedding, to be held at their home, "Sandy Branch," this afternoon from 3 to 5 o'clock.

If you want THE TRANSCRIPT to come to you or to your friend for the coming year, just send in $1 to pay for it and we'll do our part for the next 52 weeks. Our terms are in advance always.

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Smyrna, Del.

Messrs. Arnold Stewart and Doc Jacobs, living near Sassafras, Md., succeeded in killing ten wild geese Thursday morning. This is the largest number baged in this section this season, although there has been many killed over the line.

We have received from Herbert N. Fell, agent of the Mutual Life Insurance Co., of New York, a chart showing the clearings of the New York Clearing house. The chart will be sent free to any one by Mr. Fell, on request.

Joseph C. Parker, Treasurer of Welcome Conclave, I. O. H., paid to Mrs. Sarah E. Gunkel, widow of Israel Gunkel and their two daughters, Mrs. Jennie Price and Bessie Gunkel five thousand dollars for benefits on the life of Israel Gunkel.

We have on hand or will order STOVE REPAIRS for all makes of stoves. Give us the number of your stove and the makers name, and we will give you the repairs at once.
J. F. MCWHORTER & SON.

Closing Sale of Millinery, beginning Tuesday, January 20th. Trimmed hats at less than ½ price. Over 400 yards silk velvet, $1.25 kind, to go at 65c. per yard; 200 yards velveteen at 45c., good quality, all colors. MRS. G. W. PETERSON.

We carry the largest stock of stoves in town; sell on a guarantee, subject to trial. See our ad. in this issue for the names of the leaders that will always be found in stock subjects to your order.
J. F. MCWHORTER & SON.

The revival meetings which have been in progress in Bethesda M. E. Church for the past two weeks, are meeting with much success, and the Rev. C. T. Wyatt and his assistants are working zealously for the conversion of the people of this community.

Mr. H. C. DeValinger has erected a new ice house at Willow Grove Mill. The new building is 28 by 40 feet, and Mr. D. expects to store away about 2,500 tons of six inch ice this week, which will be used during the summer months in his large refrigerator.

The Diamond State Telephone Company, by the purchase last week of the Sinepuxent Telephone Company of Worcester county, headquarters at Berlin, Md., have now control of all the lines on the peninsula except those of Princess Anne and Pocomoke City.

TWO COUNTERS FOR SALE.—Two 12-foot counters, nearly new and in excellent condition, one with combination drawers and show cases. Will be sold cheap. Apply To
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The Young Peoples Society of Christian Endeavor of Forest Presbyterian Church, meets every Sunday evening at 6.45 o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to everybody. The topic for tomorrow evening is "Endeavorers in Training for Church Work." Act 2:17-18; Prov. 2:18; Mark 1:16-20. Miss Annie Ellison, leader.

Rev. Father Valentine, the eloquent passionist, who began a series of lectures in St. Joseph's Catholic Church last Monday evening, has been drawing large audiences nightly. Father Valentine has made a favorable impression upon the people of this community, and his talks on the doctrines of Roman Catholicism and other religious subjects are both interesting and instructive. He will conclude his lectures to-morrow (Sunday) evening, and extends an invitation to all non-Catholics to attend.

Bethesda Epworth League meets in the lecture room of the M. E. Church every Sunday evening at 6.45 o'clock. Everybody is invited to attend. The topic for to-morrow evening is: "A Message from His Work." Jer. 15:16; John 15:7; Acts 20:32. Leader, Mrs. J. R. Dawson.

The revival meetings at Bethesda M. E. Church still continues with increasing interest. There have been eleven conversions to date. Rev. George C. Williams, of Preston, Md., has rendered valuable assistance to the pastor this week. His preaching and singing greatly pleased those who heard him.

Unclaimed Letters.—The following list of letters remain unclaimed in the post office for the week ending Jan. 8th: Mrs. Sallie Hinson, Mrs. Mary E. Jones, Miss Rose Mooney, Mrs. George Price, Miss Susan Smith, in care of John Roso, Mrs. Jennie Waters, Miss Mary White, (2) James Armstrong, David Powell, Williard Scotten.

Cold weather set in with a vengence this week, and the mercury dropped down to eight degrees. The skating on "Silver Lake" has been exceedingly fine during the past few days, and those having ice houses are having them filled, and the quality of the ice is being from six to seven inches thick, and free from snow. Many teams and a large number of men and boys are engaged in the work and if the weather continues favorable for a few more days, all of the ice houses in our town will be filled.

Two horses belonging to Mr. Joseph L. Rhoades and attached to a farm wagon caused considerable excitement for a little while on Tuesday. The horses were frightened by some object and dashed through Main street at a rapid gait, and when in front of the Opera House collided with two carriages. The carriage of Mr. George Hevalow was badly damaged, while the other one belonging to Mr. C. M. Cochran was slightly damaged. Fortunately the carriages were unoccupied at the time the crash occurred, and no one was injured.

NATIONAL BANKS ELECT OFFICERS

Both of our Banks, the Citizens National Bank and the Peoples National Bank held their annual stockholders meeting Saturday last and elected the following officers for the ensuing year:

Citizens National Bank Directors: Joseph Biggs, Jacob B. Cazier, Sewell C. Biggs, Andrew Woodall, Charles S. Ellison, Nathaneil J. Williams, George V. Peverley, Jesse L. Shepherd, and Anthony H. Johnson. The Directors re-organized by electing the same officers as last year: Joseph Biggs, President; Jacob B. Cazier, Vice President; Charles S. Ellison, Secretary; John S. Crouch, Cashier, and Frank Davis, Teller.

The Peoples National Bank elected the following directors: Z. A. Pool, George F. Brady, George L. Townsend, Sr., George M. D. Hart, T. C. Cruikshank, J. Frank Eliason, Jefferson B. Foard, Richard T. Cann, Jr., Charles H. Salmon and Fred Brady. The Directors will meet to-day, when a President will be chosen to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the late G. W. W. Naudain.

At the annual meeting of the New Castle County National Bank, of Odessa, on Wednesday January 7th, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: John C. Corbit, Daniel W. Corbit, Columbus Watkins, James T. Shallcross, Jonathan K. Williams, Joseph L. Gibson, Merritt N. Willits, Clarence E. Pool, and George V. Peverley. The borad organized with the same officers as last year, John C. Corbit President; Columbus Watkins, Vice President; Joseph L. Gibson, Cashier; Joseph G. Brown, Teller; D. C. Aspril, Clerk.

INSURANCE CO. ELECTS OFFICERS

At the annual meeting of the Cantwell Mutural Insurance Co., in Odessa, on Monday, Jan. 5th, the following officers were elected for the year 1903; John C. Corbit, Daniel W. Corbit, Columbus Watkins, James T. Shallcross, Merritt N. Willits, Colen Fergusion, Zadoc A. Pool. The board will meet next Wednesday when a President and Secretary will be chosen.

MRS. JOHN S. CROUCH ENTERTAINS

The Ladies' "Do Little Club" of Middletown was entertained Friday evening by Mrs. John S. Crouch at her handsome residence on South Broad street. Upon the arrival of the guests they were met and welcomed by Mrs. Crouch, Miss Hutchin, her guest, Miss Dora Price and Mrs. John G. Taylor, while they were ushered into the the parlor by Miss Martha Heaton and Mr. G. L. Townsend, Jr. Music was furnished by the well known James Tumulson Orchestra of Middletown, accompanied on the piano by the fair Bettina." All the latest music, such as "Sweet Marie" and "Annie Rooney" was enjoyed. Dancing was a pleasant feature of the evening. The dining room was beautifully decorated with dandilions and cabbage heads. Chicken salad, biscuits coffee, olives, cakes and ices were abundantly served, after which a business meeting was held and new officers were elected as follows: Mrs. John C. Stites, President; Mrs. W. E. Barnard, Secretary; W. A. Hukill, Jr., Treasurer.

All the members present were: Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Shepherd, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Parker, Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Stites, Dr. and Mrs. W. E. Barnard, Mrs. Lockwood, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Clark, Miss Martha Heaton, Miss May Holten, Miss Mary Nowland, Miss Helen Cochran, Miss Dora Price, Messrs. W. A. Hukill, Joseph Comegys, Cuthbert Peverley, George Kelley, George L. Townsend, Jr., W. G. Lockwood, Frederick S., John R., and Norman P. Crouch.

FOR LOCAL OPTION

During the week petitions have been circulated around the town, for the ultimate purpose of securing local option. This work has been going on all over the State, and the workers have met with fair results. They are to the young men, young women, wives, mothers and voters. The Society is acting in conjunction with the directorate of the new State Temperance Alliance, which was constituted for the purpose of circulating petitions in the three counties of the State, and also to use its best endeavors in every way possible to secure the Legislature to exercise the constitutional provision concerning local option.

It is hoped to bring such a sentiment to bear upon the Legislature that a special election, provided by the constitution, will be held throughout the four districts of the State next November.

PERSONALITIES

Miss Sara Cochran is visiting Baltimore friends.

Mrs. W. P. Cullen is visiting her daughter in Milford.

Mrs. C. M. Stanger was a Philadelphia visitor this week.

Miss May L. Beasten is visiting friends near Still Pond, Md.

Miss Maria Nowland is visiting friends in Washington, D. C.

Miss Clara Lacey, of Frederica, is the guest of Mrs. T. S. Fouracre.

Miss Ethel Brown, of Magnolia, Md., is visiting Mrs. Ella Penington.

Miss Margaret Moyer, of Philadelphia, is the guest of Miss Helen Clayton on Green street.

Mrs. Harry P. Shapley and daughter, of Smyrna, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Holten yesterday.

Miss Sybilla Jones has accepted a position as forelady with the Cambridge Shirt Manufacturing Company.

Mr. Charles N. Dickerson who has been confined to his room for the past five weeks by illness is able to be out again.

Mr. and Mrs. John P. Hudson and daughter, of Smyrna, spent several days with Mr. and Mrs. J. F. McWhorter this week.

Miss Elizabeth Hopkins, of the State Hospital at Farnhurst, is spending some time with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Hopkins.

Mrs. Wyatt's mother, Mrs. M. A. Atkins, and her sister, Miss Mary O. Atkins, of Laurel, are visiting at the M. E. Parsonage on Main street.

Mrs. Henry M. Schroeder and little daughter, and Miss Grace H. Parvis returned to their home in Lancaster Wednesday after a lengthy visit with their mother, Mrs. H. V. Parvis.

Messrs. Frank P. Bradley, John R. Crouch and Grover C. Johnson attended the Chestnut street Theatre, Philadelphia, Friday evening and witnessed the comic opera, "Rogers Brothers, in Harvard."

TOWNSEND NOTES

Mr. Levi Lattomus is spending a few days in Wilmington.

Mrs. William Dyett, of Clayton, visited Mrs. I. P. Pritchard on Monday.

Rev. J. H. Beauchamp visited Baltimore the latter part of last week.

Miss Lena Staats, of Middletown, spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Jennie Staats.

Miss Addie Reynolds, of Ohio, is visiting her grandfather, Mr. William P. Reynolds.

Miss Ida David, of near Taylors Bridge, has accepted a position as teacher of the Patterson School, near town.

Mr. Harry Skaggs and daughter, of Philadelphia, spent several days this week with his mother, Mrs. Henry Skaggs.

The young folks of Townsend are enjoying skating very much, and Harman's pond is enlivened every afternoon and evening by those who enjoy the merry sport.

Benjamin Mosely, colored, living near town, was arrested last Tuesday evening on the charge of siealing a buffalo robe belonging to Mr. Walter Knotts. Mosely was held under $200 bail for appearance at court.

WARWICK HAPPENINGS

Mr. C. C. Price was a caller in town one day this week.

Senior Christian Endeavor to-morrow evening at 7.15 o'clock.

Miss Belle B. Lofland was in Philadelphia part of this week.

Mrs. Allen Jamison was the guest of relatives in town last week.

Preaching at the M. P. Church tomorrow evening at 7.30 o'clock.

Mr. T. Benson is the guest of his brother, John Benson, at Johnstown.

Mrs. William J. Lofland has been confined to her room since Sunday last.

Mr. Walter W. Aiken. of Elkton, was the guest of his brother last Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Aiken were Wilmington visitors a few days last week.

The cold weather has afforded much pleasure to the skaters during the past week.

Mrs. C. Richard Manlove, of near Middletown, was the guest of her mother this week.

Miss Elnora Finley, of Appleton, Md., was entertained at the home of Mrs. Wilson Merritt last Saturday.

John H. Lofland who has been confined to his room with typhoid fever since December 25th, is somewhat improved at this writing.

BOHEMIA MANOR ITEMS

Mr. Clayton L. Ellison was in Middletown on business Saturday.

William I. Berry was entertained by Wilmington friends over Sunday.

Quite a number of our sportsmen were down the river on a ducking trip last week.

Capt. John Walmsley, well-known in this section of the country, is dangerously ill at his home.

Cecil County Commissioners will to-day receive bids for the new iron bridge over little North East Creek, North East.

Do not fail to hear the lecture on "Appendicitis" at Elkton on Thursday next, by Dr. John H. Denver, of Philadelphia.

Unless the supply of coal is greater in the near future, it is feared a number of the schools in Cecil County will be closed.

A number of our farmers are harvesting ice, and report they never harvested finer, it being from six to eight inches in thickness.

Maryland farmers will ask 20 cents per basket for tomatoes next year. They have been offered 18 cents, a large increase over a few years ago.

EXHIBITS HAVE DISAPPEARED

Owing to the recent death of Chief Lees, of the San Francisco police force, there is some doubt as to whether Mrs. Cordelia Botkin will ever be retired. The Delaware witnesses, who expected to start to California this week, have no intimation of when they are expected to start. The box containing all of the exhibits in the case has also disappeared according to a dispatch. A vigorous search has thus far failed to reveal the important exhibits.

OBITUARY

MRS. SUSAN J. JOLLS

After an illness of only a few days, Mrs. Susan J. Jolls, the beloved wife of Postmaster John W. Jolls, passed to the great beyond at her home on Railroad avenue early Wednesday morning.

The news of her death was indeed a great shock, as few people knew of her illness. Mrs. Jolls had been complaining of feeling badly for several days, but until late Tuesday afternoon no fears were felt of danger. About five o'clock she asked her daughter, Miss Sarah, the time, and when told, she requested her to see if Josie came home. Those were her last conscious words, as she had passed into a state of coma from which she never rallied, before Miss Sarah returned. Uremic fever had set in, and she just lay quietly and peacefully breathing her life away until the end came about 7.20 Wednesday morning.

Mrs. Jolls was the mother of six children, five of whom survive her. She was indeed a devoted mother, always ready to sacrifice herself for the comforts of her children, and her death has caused a vacancy that can never be filled. Deceased was a member of Bethesda M. E. Church.

Besides a loving husband she leaves five children to mourn her death: Joseph C., Register in Chancery and Clerk of the Orphans' Court; John A., Frank C., and Sarah, of this town, and Charles H., mail clerk, who resides in Wyoming, this State.

Susan J. Jolls was born in Howard County, Maryland, near Ellicott City, on Febuary 28th, 1846, and was married to John W. Jolls, December 15th, 1864, and removed to Middletown during the month of February 1866 where she has since lived.

Funeral services will be held this afternoon at one o'clock, from her late residence on Railroad avenue, interment will be made in Forest Cemetery.

ST. GEORGES ITEMS

J. G. Crossland spent Wednesday in Wilmington.

Fred Kumpel, of Camden, N. J., was a visitor here on Sunday.

William R. Pennington spent Sunday with his family at Fairyille, Pa.

George Vincent, wife and daughter were Wilmington visitors Friday.

Our residents are filling their ice houses with ice about seven inches thick.

Rev. J. R. Milligan and family entertained Mr. Jessup, of Swarthmore, over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. O. Powell have gone to Philadelphia where they will remain sometime.

Mrs. Joseph G. Crossland is spending this week with J. R. Crossland and family near town.

John Crossland returned home on Monday after a pleasant visit with relatives in Middletown.

Mrs. Helen Kumpel, of Camden, N. J., is being entertained at the residence of James H. S. Gam.

I. Cleaver and wife, of Kennedyville, Md., visited his sister, Miss Rachel Cleaver Thursday.

Oliver Jamison and wife, of Philadelphia, were guests of Clarence Jamison and family part of last week.

George N. Bright and wife, of Delaware City, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Sutton Thursday.

Owing to the scarcity of coal the grist mill is only running three days each week, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

Two enjoyable parties were held this week, one at the residence of Allen Helveston, near town Wednesday night, the other at the home of Samuel Lester, near Delaware City, on Thursday night.

Miss Gertrude Swain who has been spending several weeks with her parents, George Swain and wife, returned to Middletown on Saturday, where she is saleslady in the dry goods store of Mrs. G. W. Peterson.

The remains of Edgar Price, of Millington, Md., were interred in Hickory Grove Cemetery on Wednesday. The deceased was very well known here, having frequently visited relatives and friends in the community.

Postmaster D. B. Stewart was cut over the left eye on Saturday. While attending to the repairing of the roof of his ice house, a hatchet fell from the hands of a workman and inflicted a very ugly wound, which necessitates his wearing a bandage around his head.

On the ice pond Saturday night, Wilson Jester while skating ran into Samuel Ponzo, colored, who immediately drew a razor from his pocket and cut him accross the wrist making a deep gash which Dr. J. W. Dewitt found necessary to take several stitches. At a hearing on Monday Ponzo was fined $10 and costs.

While skating on Saturday evening Mrs. William Ellison had an attack of vertigo and fell, striking the back of her head, rendering her unconscious. She was taken to the home of Mrs. E. E. Ecker and Dr. J. W. Dewitt was summoned and did all he could for her relief. She was taken to her home near town on Sunday and at this writing is still confined to her bed, but is very comfortable.

ATTEMPTED CRIMINAL ASSAULT

Luther Richie, a young colored man, was arrested Wednesday night by Constable Jones and Policeman Turner for attempting a criminal assault upon Mrs. Frank Emory, living near Smyrna. Mr. Emory was away from home when Richie came to his home, and asked Mrs. Emory if he might come in to get warm. This request was granted, and then he attempted the assult, but Mrs. Emory's screams frightened the brute, and he left the house. Richie was taken to Dover jail Thursday afternoon.

Of Interest to the W. C. T. U.

TO MEMBERS OF THE W. C. T. U.:

Among the favorable changes in the *Union Signal* is one which will interest the members of the W. C. T. U. Instead of an occasional State letter, each State Reporter is requested to send a short letter each week. This will make the paper interesting to all. But in order to do this, each union must co-operate with the reporter and it is very necessary that all local residents see that their work is promptly reported to the State Reporter.

LILA WILSON ARON, Wyoming.

FARM DWELLING BURNED

The dwelling house on the farm owned by the late R. T. Cochran, and tenanted by Mr. A. Wilson Cochran, near Sassafras, Md, was destroyed by fire about ten o'clock Sunday night last. The fire is supposed to have originated from the flue or chimney in the kitchen part of the building. Mr. Cochran and family retired about 8 P. M. and an hour later was awakened by their colored cook, whose bed-room was over the kitchen, calling to him that the house was on fire. Mr. Cochran was able to save much of his household effects, but the building was quickly consumed. This is said to have been one of the finest farm residences in Kent county. It was insured for $5,000. A small insurance was also carried by Mr. Cochran on his household furniture. None of the outbuildings were destroyed. After the fire Mr. Cochran and his family were kindly cared for by Mr. Anthony H. Johnson.

DROWNED WHILE SKATING

While "Lake Como" near Smyrna, was crowded with skaters enjoying the sport in the moonlight Wednesday night, Bertram Ransom, a young carpenter, and William Grant, a machinist, left their companions and skated to a point locally known as "Ransom's Cove," where they spent half an hour cutting fancy figures. Starting for the lower end of the lake, the men skated upon a space covered by thin ice and both broke through. The hole was not more than six feet wide and Grant reached strong ice with his companion's cries for help ringing in his ears. When Grant crawled out he turned in time to see Ransom sink. Grant had half a mile to skate before an alarm was given and then his statements were so incoherent little attention was paid to it.

The report spread rapidly, however, that Ransom was drowned and when his hat was found floating where the men broke in a number of young men secured a boat and pulled it to the hole. By the use of a long ice hook the body was found by Berton Leinberger, after considerable trouble. Ransome had two watches in his pocket and each stopped at 9.08. It was 11 o'clock when the body was recovered.

The deceased was 22 years of age, and a son of Somner Ransom. When it was known he had been drowned, all the young women left the lake in haste, and Miss Elsie Allen, of Clayton, was so affected she fainted. Ransom's body was taken to L. A. Collins' undertaking rooms, where an inquest was held Thursday afternoon.

NEW WORKHOUSE BUILDING

At the meeting of the trustees of the county workhouse at the office of Warden Meserve at Greenbank, on Tuesday afternoon, the plans and specifications of Architect Carswell for the new building to take the place of the one recently destroyed by fire were submitted and carefully looked over and accepted.

The new building will be 132 feet in length, 43 feet in wideth and one story high, on the style originally adopted, and will be constructed of the same brick material to correspond with the buildings now there. The extension will be the same as the one originally in use. The work will be done under the supervision of the trustees and the architect.

The bids for the building will be received at the office of Architect Carswell on Monday, January 26th.

CURRENT PRICES

MIDDLETOWN GRAIN MARKET.
CORRECTED WEEKLY BY JOHN W. JOLLS.

Wheat—No. 1	.72	Corn—	
No. 2	.73	Yellow, shelled	47
Timothy Seed	$2.65	" cob	46
Clover Seed	10½c	Oats	50

MIDDLETOWN PRODUCE MARKET.
CORRECTED WEEKLY BY W. T. CONNELLEE.

Eggs, per doz	28@30
Country Butter, per lb	29@34
Creamery Butter, per lb	37
Lard, per lb	12@15
Live Chickens, per lb	12@14
Potatoes, per basket	25@30

NOTICE--DIVIDEND!

NEW CASTLE COUNTY NAT. BANK,
ODESSA, DEL., January 7th, 1903.

The Directors have this day declared a SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND of THREE (3) PER CENT. clear of Taxes, and payable on and after 14th instant.

JOS. L. GIBSON, Cashier.

NOTICE--DIVIDEND!

CITIZENS NATIONAL BANK,
MIDDLETOWN, DEL., January 6th, 1903.

The Board of Directors have this day declared a SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND of THREE (3) PER CENT. clear of Taxes, payable to the Stockholders on and after January 15th, 1903.

JOHN S. CROUCH, Cashier.

NOTICE--DIVIDEND!

PEOPLES NATIONAL BANK,
MIDDLETOWN, DEL., December 27th, 1902.

The Board of Directors have this day declared a DIVIDEND of THREE (3) PER CENT. for the last six months, payable on and after Saturday, January 10th, 1903.

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Overcoats, Men's Suits, Boys' Suits and Overcoats. Come and look over the greatest bargains in Clothing you have ever seen, at reduced prices. The goods will not last long.

Men's Suits, in neat effects, made in best possible manner, regular price $5.50 to $6.50, marked **$3**.

Men's Suits, in black, gray and brown, no better suit can be sold at our regular selling price $5, all marked **$2.75.**

Men's Single Coats, some come in double breasted regular price $1.75 and $2.50, now **90c** and **$1.25.**

Men's Overcoats, in blue and gray, regular price $5 now **$3.25.**

Big Boys' Storm Overcoats, have large storm collars, no better coat can be sold at our regular price $5, now **$2.90.**

Big Boys' Dress Overcoats, long and short, neat Oxford mixtures and blues, we have never sold this lot of coats less than $5, all now marked **$2.90.**

Big Boys' Overcoats, age 15 to 19 years, the regular price of this lot is $2.75, now **$1.60.**

Big Boys' Overcoats, age 15 to 19 years, good, strong, serviceable overcoats, regular price $1.75, now **$1.15.**

Little Boys' Overcoats, age 6 to 14 years, these are made of fine covert cloth, come in brown and gray, have velvet collars, cloth lined, if you'll pay $5 you'll get no better wearing coat or no warmer, our regular price for this lot is $3.50, now marked **$2.20.**

Boys' Overcoats, age 6 to 14 years, good, warm, wearing overcoats, some have velvet collars with wool lining, regular price $1.50 to $2.00, now **$1.29.**

Boys' Overcoats, age 4 to 8 years, not all sizes, only a few on hand, worth $1, now **50c.**

Boys' Suits, age 15 to 19 years, good serviceable suits and well made, our regular price $3, now **$1.90.**

Boys' Suits, age 15 to 19 years, good wearing and warm suits, no better sold at $5 now **$2.60.**

J. B. MESSICK,
Cochran Block, Middletown.

BARIS AND FOGEL
Middletown, Delaware.

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CLEARANCE SALE!

January will be a month of extraordinary value-giving in our Store; the present outlook gives assurance of that. First of all, we intend to reduce our stock considerably; it is absolutely necessary to do this in order to secure space for new goods now coming in; therefore, many articles will be marked with new prices. We began this remarkable sale January 1st, and will continue it until January 31st. This sale is remarkable no less for the high quality of the goods than for the extraordinary values.

MEN'S SUITS AND OVERCOATS

Our Men's Suits and Overcoats have been considerably reduced since we commenced this sale, but there are some good values left:

Men's	$15 Suits at clearance price,	$10
Men's	12 Suits at clearance price,	8
Men's	10 Suits at clearance price,	6
Men's	14 Overcoats at clearance price,	9 50
Men's	12 Overcoats at clearance price,	7 50
Men's	10 Overcoats, special	5

WOMEN'S COATS, WAISTS AND SKIRTS

We have a few left of each, in many different styles and colors. Space does not permit the telling about them, come and see for yourself.

Women's $15 and $10 Coats now **$10** and **$5.**
Women's 8 and 5 Skirts now **5** and **3.**
Women's 3 and 2.50 Waists, **1.50** and **1.25.**

We begin our January Furniture Sale to-day.

Chiffoniers and Sideboards of golden oak, piano finish, and of best workmanship. We have only a few of these, and are selling remarkably cheap.

$16 Chiffoniers now	$10
12 Chiffoniers now	7
10 Chiffoniers now	6
35 Sideboards now	25
20 Sideboards now	15
15 Sideboards now	10

Couches at these prices must go:

$18 Couches	$11
15 Couches	9
12 Couches	8

BARIS & FOGEL,
Corner Broad and Main Sts.

Reduced!

New goods are coming daily, the old must go.

20 doz. Men's fleece lined Shirt and Drawers to match, have been selling them at 35c. and 40c., to go at 25c. each while this lot lasts.

30doz. Men's twilled Shirts and Drawers worth 50c. to go at 25c.

A lot of Calico in fact all of our 5c goods and some of the 6c Calico to go at 4c a yard.

All our Blankets, Quilts, Flannelettes and Outing Flannel at low prices.

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.... A GARDEN PLOT ....

BY JULIA TRUITT BISHOP.

TWO very faint-hearted young people were looking at one another over the back fence of the vegetable garden—she in the garden among the cabbages, he outside in the seldom-used street. Between them was the fence, with its green burden of butter-bean vines. Practical, every-day life and hard realism could go no further.

"Of course, if you say so, I'll go to my paternal ancestor and speak to him about it," said the young man, resignedly, adding the reservation, "at least I will kind of hint to him. I might as well take out a good slice of life insurance before I start. But if I do go you have got to promise that you will go to your mother. I am not going to run all the risks!"

"Oh, yes, I suppose I will have to go. And I am just as afraid as I can be. I know there is some plot against us. Your father came to see mamma yesterday about something, and mamma looked at me just awfully after he had gone. I have been afraid to speak to her ever since," said the girl, desperately.

"Maybe they are going to send you back to school again. I will not have it, Nell, and that is the end of it. If it comes to that, we will run away," was the savage remark from across the butter-bean vines.

"Oh, Tom, we cannot. I—I will speak to mamma—and see you here to-morrow evening. Or why not come to the house? Mamma never has said you could not, you know," came a whisper over the same barrier.

"Oh, but the way she looks at me. Not by a whole lot, Nell! We will trust to these cold-hearted cabbages instead," was a tragic response.

Whereupon the two parted with such evidences of affection as the vines permitted, and went valiantly forth to make confession.

Nell found her mother writing at her little desk in the corner; but as Nell approached Mrs. Grayson shut and locked the desk with a snap, and turned an accusing face upon her daughter. Anger had made her face very red. There was no doubt that she knew all! Nell's heart beat a hurried double tattoo, and her nicely composed, dutiful little speech died on her lips. All that she managed to say was, "Mamma!" But she said that with an emphasis that appalled her. Mrs. Grayson turned pale.

"You had better go to your own room, and remain there till you can listen to reason and talk over matters calmly.

Mrs. Grayson swept out of the room, and thus abruptly ended Nell's confession.

Tom, gifted with a knowledge of men that should make of him a diplomat some day, waited until Colonel Drane had eaten a remarkably good dinner and was stretched at ease in a capacious chair, as he could see through the window. What he did not see through the window was the perplexed frown upon the Colonel's brow—a frown which hung there in spite of the dinner and the chair. Tom was in the room and advancing upon the enemy in good order before he saw the frown, and immediately his ranks were thrown into confusion. He faltered "I am gone!" he said to himself. What he said out loud was, "I have come to speak to you, sir, about a certain matter—"

Quick as a flash the Colonel was up, with an apoplectic look on his countenance.

"You will do nothing of the kind, sir! I know exactly what you would say! Well, sir, you need not say it! My mind is fully made up! Not a word, sir! You may go! I wish to be alone!" he shouted.

And thus abruptly ended Tom's confession.

Early the next morning the butter-bean vines received two new experiences—the one very tearful and the other full of very determined laughter.

"She sent for him to-day! I know I will be sent away now. I heard him talking loud in there, and telling her something about not paying any attention to two children."

"You are eighteen, and I am twenty-three. Two good-sized children, I should think—especially as the Colonel was married at twenty. I have the license in my pocket, Nellie. Run and get your hat, and come around to the side gate. We will go up to Mr. Morrison's and be married. He has been married lately himself, and will know how to sympathize with us," said the laughing one.

"Run away? Oh, Tom, let's not run away!" was the frightened whisper that came out of the cabbage-garden.

But the young man on the other side of the fence had the license, and, besides, he had her heart. It began to be apparent that there was no other way. The end of it was that Nell came out of the side gate, trembling at every sound in the house she had just left, and she and Tom started off hand in hand, like two children.

"Oh, I feel certain she'll overtake me!" she cried presently, in a panic.

"Let's run—we can beat them both running! suggested Tom. And so they both ran, holding each other's hand, and laughing, because they were not very old, and running away seems a kind of joke to eighteen and twenty-three.

They arrived at the Rev. Felix Morrison's quite breathless and full of laughter; and Felix Morrison's girl-wife laughed with them and clapped her hands on hearing that they were going to be married right away. The Reverend Felix himself demurred. They were both very young—had they presented the matter properly to those who had authority over them?

"Oh, that's all right!" said Tom, cheerfully. "We've done everything we could—begged and implored and entreated—they were hard as a rock. Here's the license—Mrs. Morrison can witness—fire ahead!"

"Now do, Felix!" begged the little wife on the other side. "They love each other—almost as much as you and I do. Suppose anything had kept us apart!"

The mere supposition of such a thing set the minister's lips, and sent a spark into his calm blue eyes. "Stand up!" he said.

It was at this awful moment that they heard the sharp click of the gate-latch, and Nell cast a terrified glance between the lace curtains. The light of the street lamp showed two figures hurrying up the walk.

"Oh, here they both come!" cried Nell, in an agony of fear. "They've followed us! Oh, do save us, somebody!"

"Here, into the back parlor!" Mrs. Morrison was already pushing them under the portieres. "Now do keep still!" she warned.

"If you can throw them off the scent," cried Tom, running back and wringing the minister's hand. "If you could just lie a little—"

"He can't, but I can!" said Mrs. Morrison, eagerly. "Here they come—what is the use if you do not keep out of sight?"

Colonel Drane and Mrs. Grayson might easily have noticed that there was an air of subdued excitement in the parlor to which they were admitted, that Mr. Morrison's hand shook, and that a look of indignation and high resolve was on Mrs. Morrison's face. But the truth was, they did not notice it, for they had larger matters in hand. How guilty did the Reverend Felix feel when he saw Colonel Drane cast a stony glance around the room!

"Very pleasant weather," said the Reverend Felix, with an air of deep impressiveness.

"Very!" said the Colonel, drily. Tom, in the back parlor, groaned in spirit at the sound of that voice.

"I thought this morning that we should have rain," ventured Mr. Morrison, firmly; "but the clouds—"

"Ah, yes!" said Colonel Drane, curtly. "But we came up to see—"

"Certainly!" Mr. Morrison hastened to assure him. He felt that he could hear Tom and Nell breathing in the back parlor.

"Now for it! The worst will be over in a few minutes!" whispered Tom, holding Nell carefully to keep her from fainting.

"The fact is, Mrs. Grayson and myself have come up to be married!" said the Colonel, fixing the unhappy minister with his eye and speaking in an awed voice and with a very red face.

Rev. Felix Morrison tottered against the mantelpiece in the front parlor, and Tom tottered against the mantlepiece in the back parlor, but the Colonel went on, belligerently, "We have chosen this method because we do not wish any gossip or remark and because my son and Mrs. Grayson's daughter have shown themselves so plainly opposed to any hint of it—"

Mrs. Felix Morrison had gone off into the back parlor and into hysterics, and was laughing and crying at a great rate. Tom had set Nell down in an easy-chair, and was rubbing his chin with his hand as well as he could for a most undignified grin.

"If the young people are opposed to it, would it not be better to wait awhile and gain their consent?" said Mr. Morrison, chokingly.

"No, sir, it would not! They have been holding secret meetings and plotting against us for days! I do not propose to be dictated to by two such snips of children! Here is the license, sir. We are both of age. Mrs. Morrison can witness!" roared the Colonel, testily.

And then, as they stood up, two figures swooped down upon them and stood facing them, side by side, holding each other's hand.

"Well, father," said Tom, severely, "I must say I am scandalized. Running away to be married! And at your time of life!"

"Tom!" ejaculated the Colonel, "Wha'—wha'—"

"I would not have thought it of you, mamma! said Nellie, with much spirit. "To think of you doing such a thing without saying a word to me!

"A pretty thing this will be to get out! How is a young fellow to get up in the world if his father runs away and gets married every time he takes a notion? remarked Tom, regarding his father gloomily.

"And what an example to set before me! said Miss Nellie, primly.

Mrs. Grayson had already sunk into a chair and buried her face in a handkerchief, and now the Colonel sank into another one close by. He felt very weak.

"Now that you both know it, Tom," he said, feebly, "I don't mind waiting and being married quietly at home some evening. If you hadn't shown such determined hostility—"

"We'll have the wedding at home," said Tom, willing to show a forgiving disposition. "And while we are about it we will have a double wedding—you and Mrs. Grayson, Nell and I."

"You! You two!" cried Mrs. Grayson, emerging from her handkerchief.

"We two," announced Tom, airily. "But you did not catch us running away." He spoke with a lofty moral tone, at the same time giving the Reverend Felix a furtive kick.

The Colonel had taken time to digest the statement, but now he broke out with a roar of laughter, slapping his knees.

"You two!" he roared. "Great Scott! Who ever would have dreamed it? How did you ever keep it so close?"

After which Mrs. Grayson and Nell were forced to go into the parlor and give their personal attention to Mrs. Morrison, who seemed about to collapse.

OCULAR DEFECTS

Every observant person has recognized the recent striking increase in the number of people wearing glasses, and, while this fact can be considered a sign of our advancing civilization, the question may be asked, What will it lead to and is it a necessity? The answer must be that while our environment, our professions and trades, compels a constantly increasing demand upon one of the most delicate and complex organs of our system, it is necessary in order to preserve the function of the eyes in their highest possible state, that concerted action be taken to that end. Neglect of the eyes and injudicious use of glasses are great contributing factors in the general deterioration that is taking place in these organs.

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When you told me we must part.

You remember how I pleaded,
As one pleads with God above;
Laid my naked heart before you,
Showing all its depth of love.
One last kiss you coldly granted,
Saying this must be the last;
All that ever was between us
Must be numbered with the past.

You was offered every comfort
That an honest love could give,
With a kind and faithful husband
To protect you while you live.
Do you think that it will pay you
To forsake such love as this,
For the path which you have chosen,
Which can never give you bliss?

When you stand before your Maker,
Where no favors can be bought,
Do you hope to be held blameless
For the ruin you have wrought?
Do you hope to pass unchallenged
Through the pearly gates of bliss,
While I writhe in hottest torments,
Brought there by your Judas kiss?

I believe in retribution,
And the time will surely come,
When you'd give up half your lifetime
To undo what you have done.
Better heed in time the warning
That will save you from your fate,
Than rush on in stubborn folly—
To repent, alas! too late.

When in the future, lone and loveless,
You sit thinking o'er your sin,
In your secret heart lamenting,
Thinking on what might have been;
Then compare the situation
Of your wilful mispent life,
With the one my love once offered,
Of loving mother, faithful wife.

THE FASHIONS

Taste in dress is far more effective than expenditure of money and the home dressmaker by her own efforts or the aid of a professional "coming in," may often turn out the prettiest examples in material by no means costly. In families too, where several daughters give mutual assistance and interchange of fabric or accessories, charming gowns are possible with surprisingly small outlay. To this end, the gossamer-like fabrics of the time and combinations of both material and garnitures, are powerful factors. Nets, mousselines, etc., are frequently obtainable by judicious buyers, at prices far below that of making and there are mothers who really feel ashamed to own how little has been the cost of many garments.

LARGE COLLARS

of to-day, are perhaps the most effective accessories obtainable and many a plain gown has been rendered dressy by their aid. In view also of continued vogue, new patterns are put upon the market, prominent among which, are Paraguay laces extremely fine in weave and not unfrequently combined with heavy patterns that offset the airy grace characteristic of South American texture. Roman lace is also another late introduction and Point de Venise will remain fashionable, although not more so than Point d'Alencon. Much too is accomplished by colored appliques and metal, jet or pearl passementeries and in view of the rage for pendants, new collars will largely savor of the favorite finish. The transferability of these collars, is a great item to their advantage. In garnitures, chiffon remains a strong factor, coming in acceptably almost anywhere and united, as hitherto, with any other trimming, to say nothing of

FUR

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JEWELRY

Semi-precious stones are very greatly in demand and fashionable rings show large specimens in the centre, with tiny pearls or diamonds on the circlet at each side. Emeralds or turquois in the matrix, have of course an enlarging effect and both are much sought after, yet not to the disadvantage of amethysts that have lost no prestige and nothing is more attractive than a large amethyst set in pearls or diamonds. American sapphires too, are particularly stylish. Pins in fancy shapes, are still a necessity and for these, favorite simulations are symbolical of outdoor sports, such as dogs' heads, whips, etc., although more feminine portrayals in flowers or dainty leaves are also noticeable.

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Townsend	8. 1	9 30	. . .	4.02	5.04	7.58	. . .
Blackbird	f 8. 5	9.34	. . .	f 4.12	. . .	f 8.02	. . .
Green Spring	8.43	9 39	. . .	f 4.17	. . .	f 8.07	. . .
Clayton	f 8.50	9 45	11 57	4.22	5 18	8. 3	1.08
Smyrna	Lv. 9.59	9 55	11.47	4.32	5 08	8.18	. . .
Brenford	f 9 06	f 9 50	. . .	f 4.27	. . .	f 8.13	. . .
Cheswold	f 9.11	f 9 56	. . .	4.32	. . .	f 8.23	. . .
Dupont	. . .	. . .	. . .	f 4.35	. . .	. . .	. . .
Dover	9.20	10 05	12.13	4.42	5.37	8.33	1 27
Wyoming	9.26	10 11	f 12.19	4 48	5 43	8.39	1.35
Woodside	f 9 30	f 10 18	. . .	. . .	5.50	8 46	. . .
Viola	f 9 43	f 10 22	. . .	. . .	f 5.54	f 8. 0	. . .
Felton	9 48	10 27	12.30	. . .	5.59	8.55	1.49
Harrington	10. 1	10 38	12.43	. . .	6.10	9.6	1.59
Harrington	Lv. . . .	§ 10.40	. . .	§ 6.14	. . .	. . .	. . .
Georgetown	. . .	11.24	. . .	7 08	. . .	. . .	. . .
Berlin	. . .	12.32	. . .	8.06	. . .	. . .	. . .
Ocean City (B. C. & A. Ry)	Ar . . .	12 45	. . .	‡ 10.55	. . .	. . .	. . .
Farmington	f 10.09	f 10 46	. . .	f 6.18	f 9.14	. . .	. . .
Greenwood	10.17	10.54	12.58	6 26	9 22	. . .	. . .
Bridgeville	10 25	11.02	1.06	6 34	9.30	. . .	2.22
Cannons	f 10 30	f 11 07	. . .	f 6.39	f 9 35	. . .	. . .
Seaford	10 40	11 15	1.17	6 8	9 44	. . .	2.34
Laurel	10.50	11.24	1 27	6.8	9 54	. . .	2.45
Delmar	11.00	11 34	1.36	7.08	10 04	. . .	2.55
Salisbury		11.51	1.50	7.22			‡3.10
Cape Charles			4.20				5.40
Old Point Comfort			6.30				7.40
Norfolk			7.35				8.45
	A. M.	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.	P. M.	P. M.	A. M.

NORTHWARD.

	EXP. 82	MAIL. 86	EXP. 90	MAIL. 92	PASS. 84	EXP. 94	PASS 96
	A. M.	A. M.	A. M.	A. M.	A. M.	A. M.	P. M.
Norfolk	§ 6.20	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	§ 7.45	. . .
Old Point Comfort	7. 0	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	8 40	. . .
Cape Charles	9.25	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	10.55	. . .
Salisbury	12.35	. . .	. . .	§ 7.35	. . .	1.46	3.10
Delmar	‖ 1.08	. . .	§ 7.06	‖ 8.01	§ 11 46	§ 2 10	§ 5.30
Laurel	1.19	. . .	7.16	8.11	11 55	2.20	3 42
Seaford	1.31	. . .	7.28	8 24	12.06	2 30	3.57
Cannons	. . .	. . .	f 7.36	f 8.31	f 12.14	. . .	f 4 05
Bridgeville	1.44	. . .	7.42	8 37	12.20	2 42	4.12
Greenwood	. . .	. . .	7.50	8.45	12 28	2.50	4.20
Farmington	. . .	. . .	f 7.58	f 8.53	f 12 36	. . .	f 4.28
Ocean City (B. C. & A. Ry)	. . .	. . .	. . .	§ 6.40	. . .	. . .	. . .
Berlin	. . .	. . .	. . .	6.56	. . .	. . .	. . .
Georgetown	. . .	. . .	. . .	8.06	. . .	. . .	. . .
Harrington	Ar . . .	. . .	. . .	8.53	. . .	. . .	. . .
Harrington	2.1	. . .	8.10	9 08	12 46	3 6	4.43
Felton	2.27	. . .	8.19	9.18	12 54	3 15	4.51
Viola	. . .	. . .	f 8.23	f 9.22	f 12. 8	. . .	f 4.57
Woodside	. . .	. . .	8 27	9.26	1.02	. . .	5.02
Wyoming	2 42	7 01	8 34	9 33	1 9	f 3 28	5.10
Dover	2 49	7 07	8.40	9.40	1.16	3 34	5.17
Dupont	. . .	7 11	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .	. . .
Cheswold	. . .	7.16	. . .	f 9 56	1.23	. . .	f 5.29
Brenford	. . .	7.21	. . .	10.01	1.28	. . .	5.34
Smyrna	Lv . . .	7.18	8 43	9 57	. . .	3 40	5.30
Clayton	3.09	7.28	8 58	19 07	1.34	3 52	5 40
Green Spring	. . .	f 7.32	. . .	f 10 15	f 1.38	. . .	f 5.44
Blackbird	. . .	7.38	. . .	10.19	1.43	. . .	5.50
Townsend	. . .	7.43	9.11	10 29	1.48	4 05	5. 6
Middletown	3.30	7 52	9.20	10.27	1 56	4.14	6.05
Armstrong	. . .	f 7.56	. . .	. . .	f 2.00	. . .	f 6.09
Mt Pleasant	. . .	8.00	. . .	f 10 34	2.01	. . .	6.13
Kirkwood	. . .	8.09	. . .	10 42	2. 2	. . .	6.21
Porter	. . .	8.18	9.40	10 47	f 2.17	4.34	6.26
Bear	. . .	8.22	. . .	10 52	f 2.22	. . .	f 6 31
State Road	. . .	f 8 25	. . .	f 10 57	f 2.27	. . .	f 6.36
New Castle	. . .	8.31	9.53	11 02	2.32	. . .	6.41
Farnhurst	. . .	f 8.36	1 9 57	f 11 07	f 2.37	. . .	f 6.46
Wilmington	4 15	8 45	10 06	11 18	2.46	5 00	6.55
Baltimore	6.14	10 31	11.23	11.41	5.00	7.0	8 40
Philadelphia	5.10	9 32	10 54	12.06	3.40	5 44	7.48
	A. M.	A. M	A. M.	P. M.	P. M.	P. M.	P. M.

‖ Daily. § Daily except Sunday.

"a" Stops to leave passengers from Wilmington and points north, or take passengers for points south of Delmar.

"e" Stops to leave passengers from New York Division.

"f" Stops only on notice to conductor or agent, or on signal.

"i" Stops to leave passengers from Middletown and points south.

"j" Stops to take on passengers for Cape Charles and beyond.

"p" Stops to leave passengers from points south of Delmar, or take passengers for Wilmington and points north.

*On Saturdays arrives 9.23 p. m.

‖ Arrives daily except Saturday and Sunday.

NEW CASTLE ACCOMMODATION TRAINS.—Leave Wilmington 7.37, 8 25 a. m., 3.04, 4.02 and 6.58 p. m., week days. Leave New Castle 8.01, 9.53, 11.02 a. m., 2.32, 6.41 p. m week days.

Express trains leaving Harrington 8.10 a. m. and arriving at 6.10 p. m., week days, run through solid to and from Baltimore, via Porter and Newark.

BRANCH ROADS.

DELAWARE, MARYLAND & VIRGINIA R. R.—Leave Harrington for Franklin City and way stations 10.42 a m 6.14 p m week days. Returning train leaves Franklin City 6.00 a. m. and 12.03 p. m, week days.

Leave Franklin City for Chincoteague (via steamer) 1.35 and 9.10 p m., week days Returning leave Chincoteague 10.45 a. m., and 5.30 p. m., week days.

Leave Harrington for Georgetown and Lewes at 10.42 a m., 6.14 p m., week days Returning, leave Lewes 6.45 a. m. and 1.29 p. m. week-days.

Leave Harrington for Rehoboth 10.42 a. m. Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays only. Returning, leave Rehoboth 1.07 p m. Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays only.

Leave Harrington for Berlin, 10 42 a. m. and 6.14 p m. week days. Returning, leave Berlin 6.56 a m and 1.01 p. m. week days

Leave Massey for Chestertown and way stations 10.02 a. m. and 5.37 p. m. week-days. Returning, leave Chestertown 7.18 a. m. and 2.35 p. m, week-days.

QUEEN ANNE & KENT R R.—Leave Townsend for Centreville and way stations 9 33 a m. and 5 08 p m, week days Returning, leave Centreville 7.46 a m. and 2.38 p m., week-days.

DELAWARE & CHESAPEAKE R R.—Leave Clayton for Oxford and way stations 9.48 a. m., and 5.22 p m., week days Returning, leave Oxford 6.55 a m., and 1 49 p m., week-days

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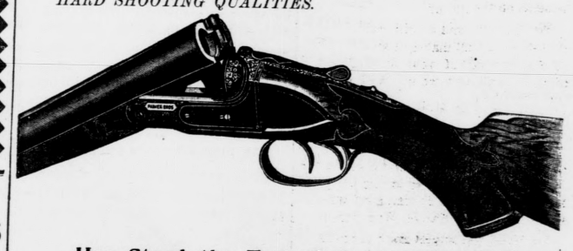

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